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DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE,
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1. UNESCO EC NINE'S SPOKESMAN, AMBASSADOR CARDUCCI, REPORTED INFORMALLY TODAY TO USDEL OUTCOME OF HIS DECEMBER 31 MEETING WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL DURING WHICH CARDUCCI OUTLINED TO M'BOW HIS PROPOSALS ALONG LINES REPORTED IN PARA. 2 OF REFTEL (A).

2. CARDUCCI SAID THAT AFTER LISTENING WITH GREAT CARE TO HIS ARGUMENTS FOR A THREE STEP APPROACH CONCERNING SUBJECT DRAFT RECOMMENDATION, M'BOW CALLED, IN HIS PRESENCE, UNESCO LEGAL ADVISOR (LUSSIER, CANADIAN) TO FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE WERE ANY LEGAL OBSTACLES TO CARDUCCI'S FORMULA. HAVING BEEN ADVISED THAT

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NO SUCH DIFFICULTIES SHOULD EXIST, AND THAT THE ONLY

REQUIREMENT UNDER THE 18TH GENCONF MANDATE IS TO PREPARE A DRAFT DECLARATION FOR SUBMISSION TO NEXT (19TH) GENCONF., DG M'BOW ASSURED CARDUCCI THAT HE IS GOING TO IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT HIS TOP SECRETARIATE OFFICIALS TO STUDY CARDUCCI'S PROPOSAL AND TO SUBMIT THEIR RECOMMENDATION BY JANUARY 8TH, THE DAY M'BOW WILL RETURN TO PARIS AFTER HIS BRIEF VACATION. FURTHERMORE, M'BOW PROMISED TO CONTACT CARDUCCI ON THAT DAY.

3. CARDUCCI REMARKED THAT HE DID NOT DIRECTLY RAISE WITH M'BOW THE QUESTION OF POSTPONING SUBJECT MEETING BECAUSE, FIRST, HE HAD NO AUTHORITY FROM HIS GROUP TO SUGGEST POSTPONEMENT AND, SECONDLY, THAT HE PERSONALLY CONSIDERED POSTPONEMENT NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT "INEVITABLY WILL RAISE SPECTER OF CAVING IN UNDER WESTERN POLITICAL PRESSURE."

4. THERE SEEMS TO BE AN UNANIMOUS VIEW HERE AMONG WESTERN PERMREPS THAT UNDER THE 18TH GENCONF RESOLUTION 5.11 (A), WHICH, INTER ALIA, SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT "ONE CONCRETE MEASURE IN THIS RESPECT SHOULD BE THE PREPARATION OF A DRAFT UNIVERSAL DECLARATION RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION," THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL HAS NO RPT NO OPTION TO ALTOGETHER CANCEL THE MEETING, AS SUGGESTED IN PARA. 2 OF REFTEL (B), AND THAT THE PROJECT HAS TO BE IMPLEMENTED. WHAT MAY BE ACHIEVABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IS A POSTPONEMENT OF JANUARY MEETING, AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL (C). WE THEREFORE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONSIDER GOING AHEAD WITH DEMARCHE BOTH TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND TO CAPITALS OF EC NINE, PLUS AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND SOME MODERATE LDC'S URGING FOR OUTRIGHT POSTPONEMENT OF JANUARY 26-30, 1976 MEETING.

5. USDEL INFORMED AFTERNOON DECEMBER 31 BY YAPOU, ISRAELI PERMREP, THAT GOI WOULD ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING IF IT IS HELD. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, POSTPONEMENT OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING WOULD SEEM AGREEABLE ALTERNATIVE. HOWEVER, YAPOU EMPHASIZED HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO GOI GOING CONFIDENTIAL

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ALONG WITH US POSITION ON SUBJECT MATTER, ONCE SUCH POSITION IS DETERMINED. USDEL IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ISRAELI PERMREP.

6. PERMREP HAD OCCASION NEW HEARS EVE NIGHT TO MEET SOCIALLY WITH DG M'BOW AND ONE OF HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISORS, BOISSIER-PALUN. M'BOW APPEARED ON VERGE OF EXHAUSTION AND IS PLANNING SHORT VACATION IN SENEGAL TO JANUARY 8TH. SUBJECT MEETING WAS INFORMALLY DIS-

CAUSSED AND M'BOW RAISED POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONEMENT
OR "SOME OTHER FORMULA", EVIDENTLY REFERRING TO
PROPOSAL OF EC NINE. THE MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED AT
LENGTH BUT DISTINCT IMPRESSION KS THAT M'BOW VERY MUCH
WANTS TO AVOID MEETING AND IS SEARCHING FOR SOME
ACCEPTABLE FORMULA TO PREVENT REPETITION OF
DECEMBER MEETING.
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